(iii) Indo-Swiss Project for animal husbandry development Orissa-implemented in Ganjam District.

Soyabean cultivation

4096. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the name of the states where Soyabean cultivation has been intensified;

(b) whether the climatic conditions and soil in Orissa are favourable for soyabean cultivation; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to increase soyabean cultivation in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN); (a) In addtion to Madhya Pradesh, which is the largest soyabean growing State, soyabean cultivation has been taken up in Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Southern States like Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

(b) and (c) Although the climate and soils of Orissa are suitable for soyabean cultivation, this crop is not able to compete with groundnut in terms of productivity, oil yield and profitability. The Government of Orissa has also not taken up soyabean under the Oilseeds Production Programme.

Agriculture Universities

4097. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) names of Agriculture Universities in the country;

(b) what are the amounts of grants allotted for these universities annually; and

(c) what amount is allocated for the research work in agriculture in the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Sir, The names of the Agriculture Universities are given in the statemen enclosed. (*See blow)*

(b) Generally development grant upto a maximum amount of Rs. 50 lakhs is allotted to each of these universities annually.

(c) The allocation of funds for agricultural research during the eighth plan has not been finalised.

Statement

List of Vice-Chancellors of Various Agricultural Universities

1. Andhra Pradesh Agril. University, Rajendra Nagar, Hyderabad-500 0030 (A.P.)
2. Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat-785 013 (Assam).
3. Rajendra Agril. University, Veterinary College Campus, Patna-800 014 (Bihar).
4. Birsa Agricultural University, Kanke, Ranchi-834 006 (Bihar).
5. Haryana Agricultural University, Hissar-123 001 (Haryana).
6. Himachal Pradesh Krishi Vishwa Vidalaya, Palampur-176 062 (H.P.).
7. Dr. Y.S. Parmar. University of Horticulture and Forestry, Solan-173 230 (H.P.).
8. University of Agricultural Science, Post Bag No. 2477, Bangalore-560 065.
9. University of Agril. Sciences, Dharwad (Karnataka).
10. Gujarat Agricultural University, Sardar Krushi Nagar-385 506, Distt. Baraskantha (Gujarat).

11. Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Jabalpur-482 004.
12. Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Krishi Nagar, Raipur-492 012.
13. Kerala Agricultural University, Vellanikkara, Trichur-680 654.
14. Konkan Krishi Vidyalapeeth, Dapoli-415 712.
15. Marathwada Agricultural University, Parbhani.
16. Mahatma Phule Agricultural University, Rahuri 413 712. Distt. Ahmadnagar.
17. Punjabrao Krishi Vidyappeth, Krishi Nagar, Akola-444 104.
18. Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana-140 004.
19. Orissa University of Agriculture & Technology, Bhubaneswar-751 008.
20. Rajasthan Agricultural University, Bikaner-334 001.
21. Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore-641 003.
22. Chandra Shekhar Azad University of Agriculture & Technology, Kanpur-208 002.
23. G.B. Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar-263 145.
24. N.D. University of Agril. & Technology, Faizabad-224 001.
25. Bidhan Chandra Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, P.O. Krishi Vishwa Vidyalaya, Mohanpur, Distt. Nadia 741 252.
26. Sher-E-Kashmir Uni. of Agri. & Science & Technology, Railway Station Road, Jatnmu Tavi-180 004. Post Box 262, Shalimar, Srinagar (J & K)
27. Tamil Nadu Veterinary & A.S.S. University, Madras.

Medicinal Plants

4098. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Himachal Pradesh abounds in the growth of medicinal plants;

(b) if so, details of the medicinal plants growth in that State at present; and

(c) steps being taken to preserve these plants for use in Indian system of medicine?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A large number of useful medicinal plants are being grown in the state. The important ones are Chirayata,, Attis, Karu, Banufsha, Muskbala, Kutaj, Kamala, Ra-saunth, Jatamanshi, Sarpgandha, Dioscore and Puthkarmool etc.

c) Government of India have proposed to implement a central sector scheme to develop the important medicinal and aero-matic plants grown in the states including Himachal Pradesh during 1992-93,.

Himalayan Milk Producers Union

4099. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) wrether Government are aware of . the fact that Himalayan Milk Producers Union in West Bengal is facing the chronic problem of regular loss and mismanagement for the last so many years; and '

(b) if so, the details of steps which Government propose to take to save this industry from further losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) The Goverraaeat is aware of the fact that the Himalayan Cooperative Milk Producers Union had